

MONTREAL, 28th August, 1852.

SIR,

Being a candidate for the vacancy in the Medical Staff of the Montreal General Hospital caused by the retirement of Dr. Sewell, I respectfully solicit your attention, as a Governor of that Institution, to the following testimonials of my professional qualifications, with which I have been favoured by its present consulting and attending Physicians, as well as by others who have enjoyed the honor of these appointments. In the expectation that you may consider me not undeserving of your support.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WM., WRIGHT, M. D., L. R. C. S. E.

Demonstrator of Anatomy, McGill College, Member of the Surgical Society of Ireland, &c

TESTIMONIALS

FROM

DRS. HOLMES, BRUNEAU, HALL, CAMPBELL, CRAWFORD, FRASER, ARNOLDI, SUTHERLAND, SCOTT, McCULLOCH, MACDONNELL AND SEWELL.

From A. F. HOLMES, Esq., M.D.E., Consulting Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, Professor of Medicine and Secretary of the Medical Faculty of McGill College.

MCGILL COLLEGE, MONTREAL, CANADA, Sept. 28th, 1848.

William Wright, M.D., a Graduate of McGill College, having resigned the Office of Curator of the Museum of the Medical Faculty, held by him during the last three years, in consequence of his intention of visiting Europe. I have pleasure in testifying, that while a Pupil, he pursued his Studies in a manner to call forth the unanimous approval of his Teachers; that he passed his final Examinations in a manner highly honourable to himself, and creditable to the school; that he discharged the duties of Curator to the entire satisfaction of the Faculty, who regret his resignation.

From his perseverance, assiduity and knowledge of his profession he is, in my opinion, qualified adequately to fulfil any duties to which he may be called, especially such as have a similarity to those in which he has been already engaged.

A. F. HOLMES.

MONTREAL, August, 25th 1852.

On occasion of the vacancy in the Medical Board, of the Montreal General Hospital, to supply which Dr. Wright is about to become a Candidate, I need only renew the expression of my favourable opinion of Dr. Wright's general qualifications and of his ability efficiently to discharge the duties of the Office which he is soliciting.

A. F. HOLMES.

From O. T. BRUNEAU, Esq., M.D., Consulting Physician to the Montreal General Hospital; Lecturer on Anatomy, McGill College.

MONTREAL, 30 Septembre 1848.

Je certifie que le Docteur William Wright, a suivi mes cours publics d'Anatomie descriptive au Collège McGill de cette ville avec assiduité et succès.

Je certifie de plus, par la connaissance personnelle que j'ai de ce jeune Monsieur, que pendant tout le temps qu'il fut élève du dit Collège, il fut remarqué par ses talents, par son zèle à être utile, par un travail constant et suivi à l'étude, et par une bien bonne conduite.

O. T. BRUNEAU.

MONTREAL, 25 Août 1852.

Ayant été en rapport avec le Docteur W. Wright, depuis son retour d'Europe, je puis affirmer que par sa conduite et ses études, il deviendra un membre distingué dans sa profession, et je souhaite, dans son intérêt et celui de l'Hôpital Général, qu'il obtienne la situation qu'il sollicite.

O. T. BRUNEAU.

From A. HALL, Esq., M.D., Consulting Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, late Lecturer on Chemistry, McGill College.

MONTREAL, October 3rd, 1848.

Having personally known Dr. W. Wright for several years, it gives me pleasure to bear my testimony to the uniform zeal and devotion to his duties as a student of Medicine which he ever displayed, and to the high scientific knowledge which he exhibited, when under examination for his degree at the University. Entertaining as I do, a high opinion of his professional attainments, I feel satisfied that wherever located, he will soon win and enjoy that public confidence to which his merits so deservedly entitle him.

A. HALL.

From GEORGE W. CAMPBELL, Esq., A.M., M.D., one of the Medical Staff of the Montreal General Hospital, Lecturer on Principles and Practice of Surgery, McGill College.

MONTREAL, 29th September, 1848.

Dr. W. Wright, has been well known to me, during the whole period of his Medical studies, and I have had the best means of knowing that his opportunities of acquiring a correct knowledge of his profession have been extensive, and that he has made an excellent use of these opportunities. Dr. Wright's ability as a student, his skill in dissection, and in the preparation of post mortem specimens, procured for him the Curatorship of the museum attached to the Medical department of the McGill College in this City. From an acquaintance of five years duration with Dr. Wright, I have been led to form a highly favourable opinion of his general character, talents, dispositions, and professional acquirements, and I can conscientiously recommend him, as well qualified to fill any situation, where the services of a Physician or Surgeon may be required.

GEO. W. CAMPBELL.

MONTREAL, 23rd August, 1852.

I have only to add to the above, that since its date, Dr. Wright has had the advantage of perfecting his Medical Education at some of the most celebrated schools of Europe. That he has received the Diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh, and, since his return to Canada, has been appointed Demonstrator to the McGill College, which is of itself a proof of the high estimation in which his Professional abilities are held by those who, from similarity of pursuit, are best able to judge of them. I sincerely believe, that should Dr. Wright be appointed to the vacancy in the Medical Staff of the Montreal General Hospital, he will discharge its duties, with honor to himself, and advantage to those placed under his care.

GEO. W. CAMPBELL.

From JAMES CRAWFORD, Esq., M.D. Surgeon to the Montreal General Hospital, Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, McGill College.

MONTREAL, 11th September, 1848.

This is to certify that Dr. William Wright, served five years as my indentured student, during which time he applied himself industriously and zealously to the acquirement of a knowledge of his profession, and I have great pleasure in stating that he acquitted himself at his examination for his degree at McGill College, in a highly creditable manner. During the latter two and a half years of his apprenticeship, he was appointed curator of the anatomical museum, of the McGill College, in which office he gave great satisfaction. I am also able to state that Dr. Wright's moral, steady and obliging conduct, gained the good opinion of all his instructors, as well as my own, and I have not the slightest doubt but that he will do great credit to himself in future years, by the knowledge of his profession he has acquired.

JAMES CRAWFORD.

MONTREAL, 26th August, 1852.

I beg to recommend Dr. Wright to the Governors of the Montreal General Hospital, as a person not only well qualified to fill the vacant office of Physician to the Institution, but also one who would perform his duties with zeal and fidelity and with benefit to the Hospital if appointed.

JAMES CRAWFORD.

From WILLIAM FRASER, Esq., M. D., Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, Lecturer on the Institutes of Medicine, McGill College.

MONTREAL, October 3, 1848.

I have had ample opportunities of knowing Dr. Wm. Wright, in consequence of his having been Curator of the Museum of McGill College for some years, and of his having attended my lectures in that Institution during the sessions 1846 and 1847-8. With much pleasure I bear testimony to the regularity and diligence with which Dr. Wright attended to his medical studies, at the examinations of my class, he always conducted himself to my entire satisfaction, and during the past session successfully competed for the prize offered by me for the best essay on any medico-legal subject. The paper he wrote on this occasion was on "Fatal doses of Prussic Acid," and has been published in the British American Journal of Medical Science.

I consider Dr. Wright a young man of good general talents, industrious, well acquainted with all the branches of his profession, and believe that if he is appointed to any situation in which diligence, attention, and knowledge of medical science is required, he will perform its duties with credit to himself, and advantage to his employers.

WILLIAM FRASER.

MONTREAL, August 26, 1852.

Being called upon by Dr. Wright to express my opinion of his qualifications for the office of medical attendant, now vacant, in the Montreal General Hospital. I beg to say that the distinguished manner in which he acquitted himself as a student in the McGill College—The opportunities he has since enjoyed of seeing practice in some of the most eminent European Medical Institutions, and the experience which he must have acquired during the past four years, afford the best possible guarantee of his fitness for the performance of the duties of that responsible office.

W. FRASER.

From FRANCIS C. T. ARNOLDI, Esq., M. D., Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, late President and Lecturer on Obstetrics in the Montreal School of Medicine.

MONTREAL, October 3, 1848.

This is to certify that Mr. William Wright was my Hospital clerk during the whole period of the Fever Epidemic of 1847, viz., from June till October, during which he exhibited more than ordinary professional capacity and assiduity.

I had the satisfaction of being present at his examination for the degree of M. D. at the University of McGill College in May last, on which occasion he displayed a knowledge of his profession and a classical attainment such as is very rarely met with.

He leaves Canada for Great Britain to further prosecute his studies, and I am certain that any place of trust which may be confided to his care shall obtain for him the esteem and admiration of his patron or patrons.

FRANCIS C. T. ARNOLDI.

From WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, Esq., M. D., Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, Lecturer on Chemistry, McGill College.

MONTREAL, August 24, 1852.

An acquaintance of several years with Dr. Wright allows of my unreservedly bearing testimony to his high qualifications as a medical man, to his unassuming manners, and to his gentle deportment in the various relations of society. To natural abilities much above the ordinary standard, Dr. Wright has added the advantages of an excellent education, the capacity resulting from patient and constant application to his profession; and the experience of not many years, it is true, for he is yet young—but that which very nearly, if not fully, compensates for it—the judgment arising from, clear and accurate perception and just and assured mode of thought and reasoning.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND.

From W. E. SCOTT, Esq., M. D., Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, Lecturer on Forensic Medicine, McGill College.

MONTREAL, August 25, 1852.

MY DEAR WRIGHT,—I have learnt with much pleasure that you intend applying for the vacancy in the Medical Staff of the Montreal General Hospital, occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Sewell.

From an intimacy of many years, I can testify to your diligence in the prosecution of your professional studies, both while in attendance on lectures and subsequently, and it therefore affords me great satisfaction in recommending you as being in every way eminently qualified to discharge, in a satisfactory manner, the important duties of the office for which you are an applicant. Sincerely trusting that you may be successful,

I remain,

Yours most truly,

W. E. SCOTT.

To W. WRIGHT, M. D.
&c., &c., &c.

From M. McCULLOCH, Esq., M. D., M. R. C. S. L., late Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, Lecturer on Midwifery, McGill College.

MONTREAL, October 18, 1848.

Dr. William Wright attended three courses of my Lectures on Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children, and during that time he was in every respect one of my best students. He has now obtained his degree of Doctor of Medicine, and I can, with much satisfaction, recommend him as a highly accomplished young Physician and skilful Accoucheur.

M. McCULLOCH.

MONTREAL, August 26, 1852.

I have much pleasure in stating that Dr. Wm. Wright, was as a student, distinguished by his intelligence and exemplary conduct, and that during the years he has practised his profession in this city, he has merited the confidence of his patients, and the esteem of his medical friends.

M. McCULLOCH.

From R. L. MACDONNELL, Esq., M. D., late Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, late Lecturer on Institutes of Medicine, McGill College.

MONTREAL, October 10, 1848.

I certify that Dr. William Wright studied his profession under my observation, and that I have never known greater zeal and assiduity exhibited in the attainment of knowledge, than was evinced by him, during the period of his pupilage. I have also much pleasure in bearing testimony to his high moral character, and gentlemanly deportment, as also to his superior professional qualifications.

Dr. Wright acted for several months as my clinical clerk at the Montreal General Hospital, and I had in consequence most ample opportunities of observing his knowledge of Practical Medicine—Diagnosis and Pathology, which was extremely creditable to him. He has recently written a treatise on Prussic acid, which exhibits great research, critical acumen and strong reasoning powers.

R. L. MACDONNELL

From S. C. SEWELL, Esq., M. D., late Physician to the Montreal General Hospital, late Lecturer on Materia Medica, McGill College.

MONTREAL, October 2, 1848.

Dr. Wm. Wright distinguished himself during the period that he pursued his Medical Studies in the McGill College by unremitting application and regular attendance. He took the first prize in my class in the session of 1845-6. His moral conduct is unexceptionable, and his character that of a gentleman.

S. C. SEWELL.